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Afimutasi Gus Hannemann Appointed new Director of Honolulu Government Office...

According to memorandum No. 03013 issued January 28, 2013 by Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga—Afimutasi Gus Hannemann will assume the leadership of the American Samoa Government Hawaii Office and he shall be responsible

to carry the mandated functions attached to this agency.

The ASG Hawaii Office is a line unit within the Governor's Office and Afimutasi will report directly to the Governor of American Samoa.



Governor Lolo M. Moliga Announces 7 more Leads and Directors for Administration...



"We selected the best among the best..." said Governor Lolo M. Moliga during today's cabinet meeting held at the Department of Public Works in Tafuna—in reference to

their careful selection of directors who will be assisting in leading the American Samoa Government for the next four years.

During the meeting the Governor announced seven

newly appointed directors to join the administration and they are, HC Velega as Election Officer, HC Lealao Melila Purcell for the Department of Agriculture, Tim Jones for the Energy Office, Catherine Saelua for the Budget Office, Douglas Fiaui as the Public Defender, Peter Tinitali for OPAD, and Keith Gebauer for the Criminal Justice Office.

The Governor shared that he was very pleased with his current appointments, and that he and Lt. Governor Lemanu P. Mauga are proud of the decisions they have made.

Calendar of Events:

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| Pay Day | Feb 25 |
| TAOA Food Voucher | Mar 1 |
| ASnap Food Stamp | Mar 1 |
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Office of Vital Statistics Mandated to Improve its Services to the Public...

Having to travel from the far east-side of the island to be told by someone that you came on the wrong day to get your birth certificate, and so you would have to come the next day—can be frustrating to most that have experienced this sort of dilemma with the office of vital statistics.

“We cannot wait for change to come around, it has to happen now...”

“We cannot wait for change to come around, it has to happen now...” said Homeland Security Acting Director Utuali'i Iuni-asolua Savusa regarding the changes that would soon occur at the office of vital statistics, that is a division within Homeland Security.

According to Utuali'i, effective March 1st of this year—every vital document such as a birth certificate, death certificate, government I.D., that an individual may need to retrieve from Vital Statistics can be obtained every day of the week during business hours,



so long as the individual provides them with all the necessary supporting documents that are needed to obtain the mentioned documents.

Furthermore, all vital documents can be processed by the office every day during the week except for marriage certificates, which are only scheduled for Wednesdays to coincide with court dates and the required 30 day waiting period as mandated by law for all marriages in American Samoa.

For information about the programs and services offered by the Office of Vital Statistics, contact Tali at 633-1405.

SUIGA UA LEVA ONA MANA'OMIA – OFISA O ASO FANAU

Saunoa le Tofa ia Utuali'i Iuni-asolua Savusa, “E tatou te le fa’atali mo suiga e o’o mai, e tatou te galulue e suia auala, metotia ma fa’ataunu’u loa”. O Mati 1, 2013, o le a maua pepa o Aso Fanau, pepa Maliu, pepa ID a le Malo i le aso lava e te tala’a’ao mai ai i le Ofisa o Aso Fanau. Vagana pepa Fa’aipoipo e fa’atali mo le Aso Lulu o vaiaso ta’itasi.

A fia maua se malamalamaga atili mo lenei auaunaga, vala’au mai i le telefoni 633-1405 ma fesili mo Tali.

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To’afitu tofia e Kovana Lolo M. Moliga e Ta’ita’i i ni isi matagaluega a le Malo...

Na faia i le asō le fonotaga a le Kovana ma le mamalu o le Kapineta Tofia a Matagaluega eseese a le malo. Saunoa le Tama o le Atunu’u, “...o se mitamitaga ua ia i maua ma le Lutena Kovana, le Afioga ia Lemanu P. Mau-ga, ona e maua talitonu ia i latou ua ma tofia e avea ma taitai i matagaluega o le tatou malo aua le tautuaina o tagata o le atunu’u...”

O i latou la nei na fa’ailoa e le Kovana o latou suafa i lana fonotaga—le Tofa ia Velega Savali Jr mo le ofisa palota, le Tofa Lealao Purcell mo le ofisa o fa’atoaga, le susuga ia Timothy Jones mo le ofisa o le enetia, le tina ia Catherine Dora Saelua mo le ofisa o le budget, le susuga ia Douglas Fiaui mo le ofisa a le Public Defender, le susuga ia Peter Tinitali mo le OPAD, ma le susuga ia Keith Gebauer mo le vaega a le CJ po o le Criminal Justice.



Meet the newly confirmed DHR Director Le’i Sonny Thompson

Fa'amalamalama Atili: Ai sea ua tuai ai ona maua matou siaki?

O se fa'amalamalamaaga atili i le tala lea na fa'aulutalaina o le fa'asea o tagata faigaluega a le malo i le sese so'o o a latou siaki lea na auina atu e le tatou pepa i le vaiaso ua tuana'i.



E talosaga atu le tatou pepa ina ia to'a pea le tai ma malu i pu'ega i se finagalo o se tasi ua le fiafia 'ona o le ulutala. Talitonu, o lea ulutala e le'i so'ona tu'ua i luga o le pepa ona ose taufa'aleaga, poo se fa'asinolima po o ai le pogai o nei fa'afitauli e tulai mai pea i siaki a tatou tagata faigaluega.

O lea ua mea'a ona talatalanoa le pepa ma ni isi o le aufaigaluega lea o lo'o gafa ma lenei galuega fita o le fa'asoaina o siaki a tagata faigaluega a le malo ma ua fa'apea mai, "...o le tele o nei fa'afitauli e mafua ona o le vaiaso totogi fa'atoa mavae atu nei, e pe a ma le 90% faiaoga ma tagata faigaluega o le matagaluega o aoga sa toe fa'asa'oina a latou siaki ona ua maua le fa'aaliga o le a le fa'aauauina ni isi o siitaga ia sa faia i a latou totogi talu ai—ona e le sa'o ni auala na faia ai. O lo'o galulue ai la le matagaluega o aoga e toe fa'asa'o si'itaga nei, ona faia ai lea o seisi fuafuaga i se taimi lata mai..."

Department of Human Resources Host Fagaitua High School Field Trip...



Faga'itua High School shadows job opportunities within Department of Human Resources

It was a different scene for the 20 students from Fagaitua High School that visited the Department of Human Resources last Friday February 15, 2013, so they can grasp an overview of the role of Human Resources in the American Samoa Government.

The students got a full tour of the HR department and a short presentation given by an HR staff member—Mr. James Faumuina. "...the presentation was exemplary, and we are thankful that we got the opportunity to bring our students so they can experience how part of our government works..."

The Fagaitua High School Staff and Students expressed thanks to the Department of Human Resources and their director Le'i Thompson for allowing them to hold their field trip within their department.



Deputy Director Eseneiaso Liu welcomes Faga'itua High School students

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“Where the **PEOPLE** are always first”

Department of Health (DOH) Reaches out to Manu’a Residents...

February 20, 2013

The Department of Health will be traveling to Manu’a this Friday February 22, 2013 to provide healthcare services to the locals there. The team is part of an outreach program that has been assembled from the Department of Health staff in order to give help where it is needed. Certain programs such as the Immunization Program, H.I.V. Program and Maternal/Child Services just to name a few, will be part of this outreach.

“We will be educating the people on how to care for the elderly within the comfort of their own homes”

The team will be comprised of more than twenty individuals specialized in different health related areas. Doctors, dentists and nurses will be available for healthcare issues and some maintenance workers will be on site to evaluate the conditions of the local satellite clinics. “We will also be con-



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Tuileama Nua*

ducting home visits for those that cannot make it to our designated facilities...” said the Director of Nursing Services, Margaret Sesepasara. “We will be educating the people on how to care for the elderly within the comfort of their own homes” she later added.

Also, DOH would like to inform the locals that all of these services are completely free of charge. For more information on the programs that the Department of Health offers, please feel free to contact them at 633-4606.

MALAGA FA’API- TOA OFISA O LE SOIFUA MALOLOI- NA MO MANU’A

O le Aso Faraile, Fepuari 22, 2013 e tusa o le to’a-lua-sefulu le faigamalaga a le Ofisa o le Soifua Maloloina mo le Manu’atele, e a’afia i lea malaga le Susuga a le foma’i Tuiolosega, foma’i fa’inifo, teine foma’i mo tui puipua o le fanau ma nisi lava itua’iga teine foma’i mo ituaiga fa’ama’i ‘ese’ese.

O le a asiasi leni faigamalaga i aiga e le mafai ona ‘auai atu i le ofisa. O le a fesoasoani foi le ‘aumalaga e fa’amalamalama le mafu’aga o gasegase ta’itasi ma fa’amanino auala e puipua ai le mamalu lautele o le atunu’u.

E le totogiina se tupe mo leni tautua, o le fa’aaliga lea a le tama’ita’i foma’i o Margaret Sesepasara. Afai e iai se fesili, vala’au ane i le telefoni 633-4606.